REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 3, 2006, the Office rejected claim 1 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 102 over the reference to Du et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,945,672.

Still further, the Office indicated that claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-16 and 22-32 were objected to as being either dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; or due to mere informalities. Claim 1 has been amended consistent with the holding of allowable subject matter as indicated, above, by incorporating the substance of previous claim 2 therein. Claim 2 is now cancelled. Claims 3 and 4 now depend from claim 1 and therefore are also believed to be allowable. Favorable action with respect to same is courteously solicited in the Office's next action. The mere informalities which were noted in the recent Office Action have been corrected by means of the present amendment in the remaining claims. The Office had previously indicated that claims 5-17; 19 and 21-32 were allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it would appear that this application is now in condition for allowance and a prompt Notice of Allowance of claims 1, 3-17, 19 and 21-32 is courteously requested in the Office's next action.

Applicant, by and through their counsel, would request that the Office telephone the attorneys in the event that a further telephone conference could expedite the prompt handling of the present application.

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